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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KLIMKO ET AL.

Examiner

Umamaheswari Ramachandran

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Fridovich et al. (US 2002/0042407).

Fridovich teaches the use of Managanese meso-tetrakis-N-alkyl-pyridinium based porphyrins (sheet 2) (Superoxidase dismutase (SOD) mimetics) in protection against damage to the eye due to sunlight, glaucoma and macular degeneration of the eye (p 3, para 0031, lines 10-12) and further teaches the use of SOD mimetics in the treatment of arthritis, systemic hypertension, edema, pulmonary hypertension, septic shock etc. (p 4, para 0035, lines 7-10).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1 is rejected under of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crapo et al. (WO 95/10185).

Crapo et al. teaches the use of low molecular weight mimetics of SOD (p 16, lines 20-24, p 18, lines 1-22) as claimed (claim 1) in glaucoma, protection against damage to the eye due to sunlight and macular degeneration of the eye (p 28 , lines 17-21). The compound in the reference has methyl group bonded to nitrogen and the pyridine ring is attached to porphyrin in position 4 (p-23). Also, the reference teaches the substituent R3 in the compound (p 16) being preferably methyl or ethyl (p 19, line 20). Adjacent homologs are considered to be obvious absent unexpected results (*In re Henze*, 85 USPQ 261, 263 CCPA 1950) and members of a homologous series must possess unexpected properties not possessed by the homologous compounds disclosed by the prior art. *In re Hass*, 141 F.2d 127, 60 USPQ 548 CCPA 1944. Compounds, which differ only in the placement of substituents in a ring system, are considered obvious variants absent of showing unexpected results. *In re Jones*, 162 F.2d 638, 74 USPQ 152 (CCPA 1947). The reference further teaches the use of SOD mimetics for treating arthritis, systemic hypertension, atherosclerosis, edema, septic shock, pulmonary hypertension, including primary pulmonary hypertension etc. (p 33, lines 27-30).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the claimed invention was made to use a compound with ethyl group attached to N in the pyridine ring and the bond from the pyridine ring to porphyrin in position 2 instead of position 4 to treat for conditions such as macular degeneration of the eye, retinal edema and diabetic retinopathy. The motivation to do so is provided by Crapo et al. to

use low molecular weight SOD mimetics in the treatment of age related diseases such as AMD as they contribute to the pathogenesis of aging process.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Conclusion

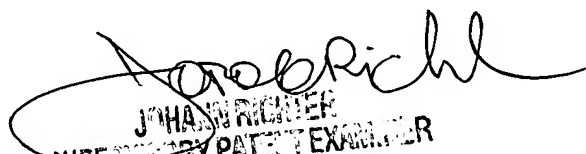
No claim is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Umamaheswari Ramachandran whose telephone number is 571-272-9926. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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